THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) The PSEs, which are Miniratna Category-I, Schedule 'A', obtained MOU rating of 'Excellent' or 'Very Good' in three of the last five years and have obtained a composite score of 60 or above calculated with reference to six selected performance parameters are eligible to be considered for Navratna status. The proposals for grant of Navratna status to some PSEs like Power Finance Corporation Limited, Rural Electrification Corporation Limited, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, National Aluminium Company Limited and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited are under the consideration of the Government.

Autonomy to BRPSE

3271. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) was supposed to be an autonomous organization;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that no Budgetary allocations were provided for the BRPSE during last two financial years;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to lack of sufficient Budgetary resources the autonomy is compromised, as the BRPSE does not have access to independent expert opinion and has to rely on the inputs furnished by respective administrative Ministries; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to ensure functional autonomy of the BRPSE?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) In December 2004, Government constituted a Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) as an advisory body. The Government had decided that BRPSE would be located in the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), which would provide necessary secretarial assistance to the Board. The Government had further decided that the establishment cost of the Board would be met through appropriate

provision in the budget of DPE. Accordingly, the expenditure of the Board is being met through the budget of DPE.

(c) and (d) As per the resolution constituting BRPSE, the Board may take the advice of experts in the relevant field, if considered necessary.

Funds for revival of sick PSUs

3272. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick PSUs under his Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have slashed the allocation of funds for revival of sick PSUs under his Ministry;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) what are the detailed alternative steps proposed for revival of such PSUs; and

(e) whether it is a fact that only those sick PSUs will be revived which meet the standards set down by the banks for normal business loan, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) There are 21 sick PSEs under the Department of Heavy Industry.

(b) to (d) Allocation of funds for revival of PSEs under plan (2006-07) has been increased substantially as compared to (2005-06). Wherever revival plans are approved by the Government, necessary inputs to the PSEs are being provided.

(e) Revival plan for PSEs have various components like financial restructuring, funding of capital investments, sale of assets etc. Packages for revival are prepared on a case to case basis, which may have funding from Government/Banks etc.

Criterion for PSUs to achieve Status of Mini-ratna

3273. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) criterion for PSUs to achieve status of Miniratna; and